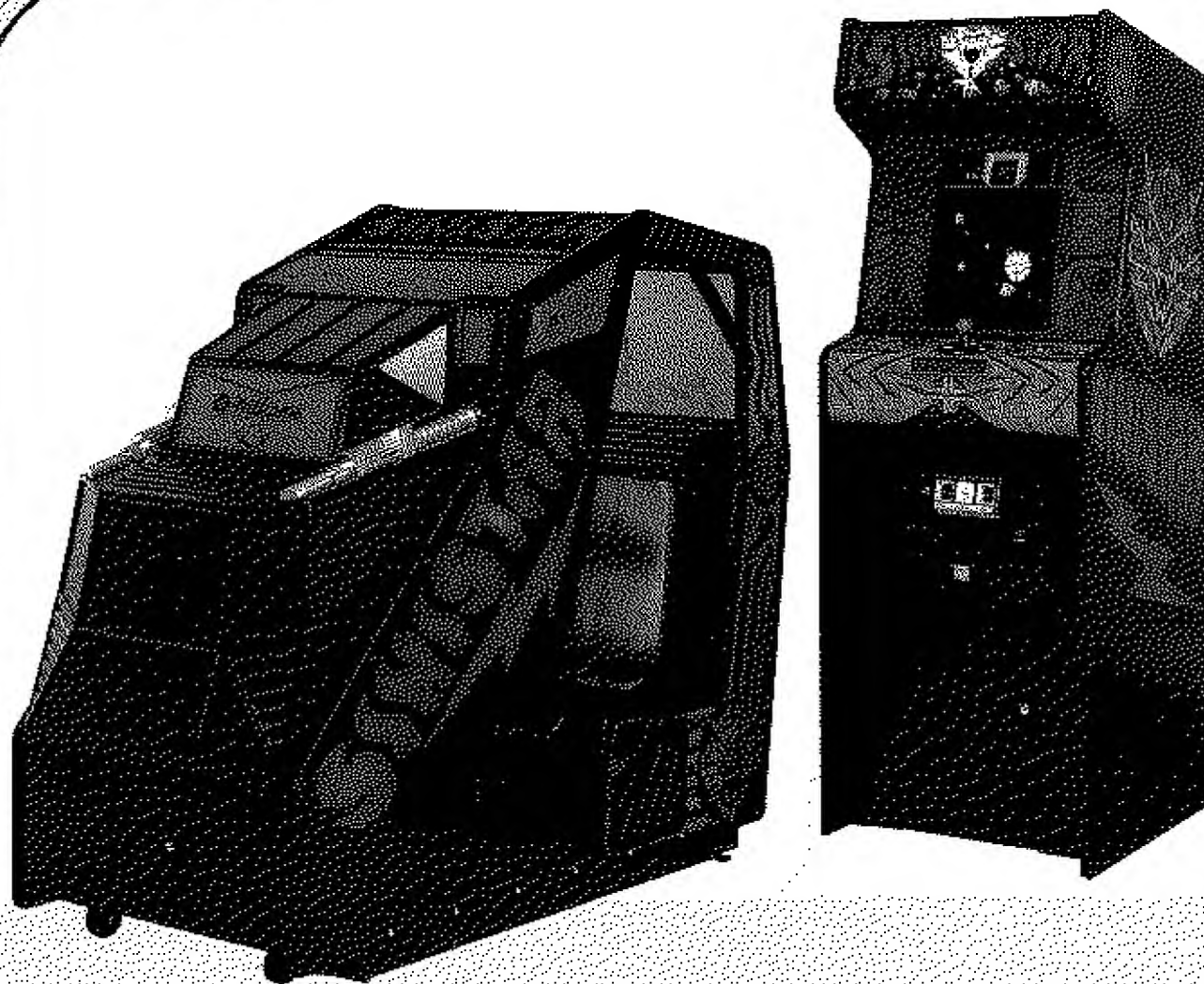


Williams®

Instruction Manual



INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR UPRIGHT AND COCKPIT GAMES

including . . .

- operation
- bookkeeping
- adjustments
- diagnostics
- parts

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WARNING:

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Game Features

49-WAY OPTO-JOYSTICK

MODELED AFTER A MILITARY AIRCRAFT JOYSTICK, the SINISTAR upright and cockpit joystick is engineered to fit the hand and provide quick game response as well as durability. Mini games have the space-conserving standard joystick, but retain the new opto technology.

ELECTRONICALLY THE JOYSTICK IS UNIQUE. Six opto-isolators (three on the X-axis and three on the Y-axis) are positioned to accept both direction and speed cues. A resolution of 49 directions and speed combinations is possible. See PLAYER CONTROLS below.

STEREO COCKPIT SOUND

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WILLIAMS GAME we've included stereo sound! The new cockpit-style cabinet sufficiently encloses the player so that stereo sound will enhance the game experience.

TRUE STEREO. Since "true" stereo requires two sound sources, the SINISTAR cockpit game has not only two speakers, but two entire sound boards...complete with two separate volume controls for maximum operator control!

SINISTAR SPEAKS!

CHALLENGE FROM A STAR. Just as the SINISTAR character is no mere twinkle on the night horizon, this is no ordinary video game! THE SINISTAR character is the archvillain players love to hate. One of the best reasons why is that he **dares** them to challenge him!

ALL HIS WORDS ARE STORED IN ROM. A SINISTAR sound board addresses ROM chips on a separate speech board to access digitally-stored phrases. These phrases are converted from parallel to serial form on the sound board and fed back to the speech board.

THE SPEECH BOARD THEN TRANSLATES incoming digital pulses into analog form and filters the resulting analog speech. Next the speech is mixed with sound effects stored and D/A converted on the sound board. Finally the speech and effects travel back to the sound board's power amplifier chip and out the speaker.

Examine Your Game

When you receive a new WILLIAMS game, examine it carefully before you power it up. Be sure it was delivered in good condition!

- ☐ **INSPECT THE OUTSIDE** of the shipping carton and/or game cabinet for shipping damage.
- ☐ **UPRIGHTS & MINIS: UNLOCK AND SET ASIDE THE TOP-REAR PANEL.** Undo the two trunk latches on the inside of the bottom door. Open the door. Now check circuitry.
- ☐ **COCKPIT GAMES: (1)** Unlock the cashbox door on the front of the game. **(2)** Now remove the cashbox and extend your arm to the left and right inside the door. Undo the two hood trunk latches. **(3)** Raise the hood. **(4)** Loosen the two access screws on the right side of the PC board panel. **(5)** Swing the panel up and to the left to inspect circuitry.
- ☐ **ARE CONNECTORS SECURELY ATTACHED?** Reconnect any found loose. DON'T FORCE CONNECTORS. They're **keyed** and only fit one way. By the same token, take care: reversed edge-connectors can damage PC boards!
- ☐ **ARE PLUG-IN CHIPS FIRMLY-SEATED** in their sockets?
- ☐ **UNWRAP THE POWER CORD** coiled inside the cabinet. Now position the cord in the wood slot beneath the bottom door. (Cockpit games: Drop the plug through the hole in the floor. This hole is near the front of the game and under the PC board panel.) DON'T PLUG IT IN YET!
- ☐ **SCRUTINIZE MAJOR SUBASSEMBLIES**, such as the monitor, control panel, transformer board and power supply. Make sure they're securely-mounted.

Location Of Controls

THE ON-OFF SWITCH is situated on the top-left corner of upright games as you face the back of the cabinet. Cockpit games have an on-off switch beneath the cashbox door. The switch is positioned in the floor of the game's front end.

THE VOLUME CONTROL in upright games is located inside the coin door and on the right cabinet wall as you face the game.

THE COCKPIT GAME HAS TWO VOLUME CONTROLS, one for each sound board. These controls are located near circuit-boards under the game's hood (below the hinged panel underneath the hood).

DIAGNOSTIC SWITCHES are on the back of the coin door in upright games. In cockpit games they're under the hood and on the top-right side as you face the front of the game.

These switches are used to access the Diagnostic-Mode Tests, the BOOKKEEPING TOTALS screen and the GAME ADJUSTMENTS screen. Refer to the appropriate sections below for information on each of these important features.

OTHER CONTROLS. Finally there are five more controls that are used somewhat less often than those above:

- (1) The **memory-protect interlock switch** is near the diagnostic switch bracket (see above). This switch must be open when you clear BOOKKEEPING TOTALS or make GAME ADJUSTMENTS. It automatically opens when the coin door is open on upright or mini games and when the hood is up on cockpit games.
- (2) The **CPU board reset switch** is located across the CPU board from the batteries.
- (3) The **cashbox advance switch**, found inside the cashbox door on all models, allows bookkeeping information to be audited without permitting it to be zeroed.
- (4) The **sound/speech mixer pot** permits the operator to balance sound and speech to suit his location. This pot is on the speech board in all games.

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Power Turn-On

CAUTION: This game must be plugged into a properly-grounded outlet to prevent shock hazard and to ensure proper game operation. DO NOT use a "cheater" plug to defeat the ground pin on the line cord, and DO NOT cut off the ground pin.

WHEN THE GAME IS FIRST TURNED ON it produces a sound. Simultaneously general illumination should come on and a moment later a scanning "rug pattern" indicating the RAM test should appear on the screen. Next the rug should become stationary as the ROM test is performed. In a correctly-running game the rug pattern will be followed by the message "INITIAL CHECKS INDICATE ALL SYSTEMS GO". If RAM or ROM failure messages come up on the screen instead, refer to Power-Up Tests in TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURES.

Game Operation

GAME START

INSERT COINS; a random sound is produced and credits are displayed on the CRT. With two or more credits displayed, pressing **2-player start** initiates a 2-player, *3-turn game.

PLAYER CONTROLS

CONTROLLED BY THE JOYSTICK, a unique configuration of optoswitches provides a faster response and a greatly increased number of vectors in each quadrant for the precise aiming of your space ship.

TWO SETS OF THREE OPTOSWITCHES each are arranged at right angles to each other. One set is for aiming along the X-axis; the other is for aiming along the Y-axis. With the joystick in the center position all six optoswitches are blocked.

AS THE JOYSTICK IS ADVANCED or pulled back it actuates one or both sets of switches. The spaceship responds with extraordinary precision due to the sequential action of the optoswitches in each set. Each switch in the set is offset so that joystick action multiplies the circuitry brought in by the switches, increasing the precision aiming of the spaceship.

THE SPACESHIP ACCELERATES as the joystick is moved further from the center position; it decelerates as the joystick is pulled or pushed back toward the center position.

SPECIAL CIRCUITRY is included for the spaceship to respond immediately to sudden reversals of joystick movement.

PRESS FIRE! The spaceship fires at planetoids and also enemy **Workers** and **Warriors**.

PRESS SINIBOMB! When your **Sinibomb** is made with ore from the planetoid, you may press the **Sinibomb** button to destroy the **Sinistar**.

GAME PLAY

*****YOUR INTERGALACTIC CRYSTAL-MINING MISSION** takes you to the antipodes of the known universe. But your parametric **DeepSpace** scanner faithfully displays the sector of the galaxy you presently occupy (including an area fully three parsecs across, no less)!

*****KEEP THE GALAXY SAFE** for all its sinizens! Fiendish **Worker** ships from the planet Sporg will attempt to fabricate a **Sinistar** from the remains of derelict planetoids in your very sector. You must not let them do this for two reasons:

(1) These planetoids contain the life-sustaining crystals your home civilization requires for its vital technologies.

(2) With the eminently unstable **Sinistar** in their possession, the Sporgites can lay waste to any civilization in your sector. And you alone stand in their way.

*****YOU MUST MINE THE SINISITE CRYSTALS.** Williams has equipped you with the latest heuristic electret cannon technology. All you need do is aim at a planetoid and shoot. Now collect your motherlode!

*****IN FACT, ONLY WITH SINISITE CAN YOU MANUFACTURE SINIBOMBS** to eradicate the **Sinistar**. But you must also rebuff the **Workers** and disintegrate their even more aggressive comrades-at-arms, the evil skelomorphic **Warriors!** Intelligent beings everywhere depend on your courage, your dedication, your reserve, your shrewd command of tactical invention! It's up to you, space cadet!

HIGH SCORE SIGNATURE

Select letters with the joystick. Push right to move forward through the alphabet; push left to move backward. Then push the FIRE button to lock in the letter.

*adjustable feature

Bookkeeping Totals

1. In Game-Over Mode, open the cashbox and depress the cashbox advance switch. The advance switch located on the diagnostic switch bracket can also be used. (See Figure 1.) The CRT should indicate all bookkeeping and evaluation totals. If so, go to step 3. If the CRT display comes up in the ROM test, perform step 2.

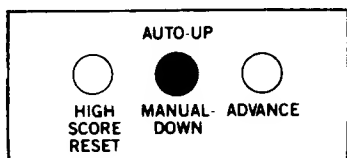


Figure 1. Diagnostic Button Switches

2. Continue to depress the cashbox advance switch, stepping the game through test programs for ROMs, RAMs, CMOS RAM, sounds, switches, color RAMs, and then CRT test patterns, of which there are five. The fifth test pattern, color bars, directly precedes the CRT display of the bookkeeping and evaluation totals.
3. The bookkeeping and evaluation totals appear on the CRT as in Figure 2.

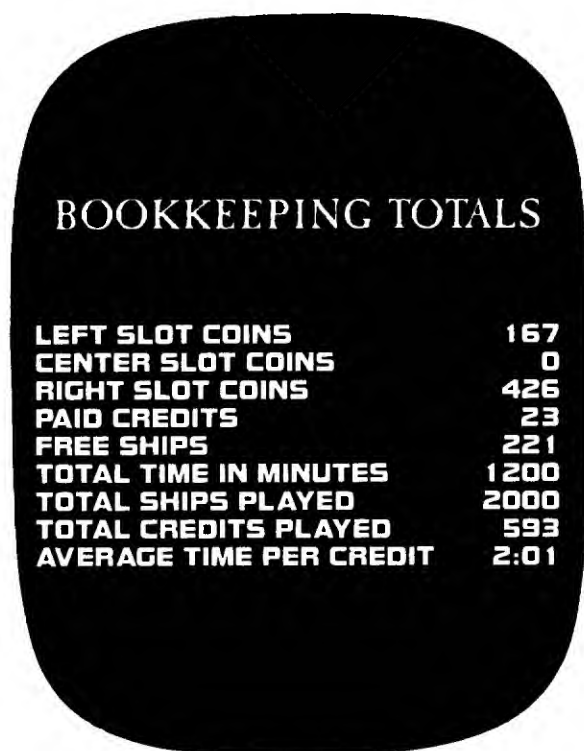


Figure 2. Bookkeeping Display

CLEARING BOOKKEEPING TOTALS

1. Depress ADVANCE to display Game Adjustments.
2. Operate joystick Up or Down to position cursor on CLEAR BOOKKEEPING TOTALS.
3. Push FIRE Button.
4. Depress ADVANCE.

IF AVERAGE TIME PER CREDIT RUNS BELOW 1:30 (Figure 2), then more liberal **GAME ADJUSTMENTS** are recommended. What if AVERAGE TIME PER CREDIT runs over 2:30? Make the game tougher. Always try to keep AVERAGE TIME PER CREDIT close to the ideal of 2:00.

Game Adjustments

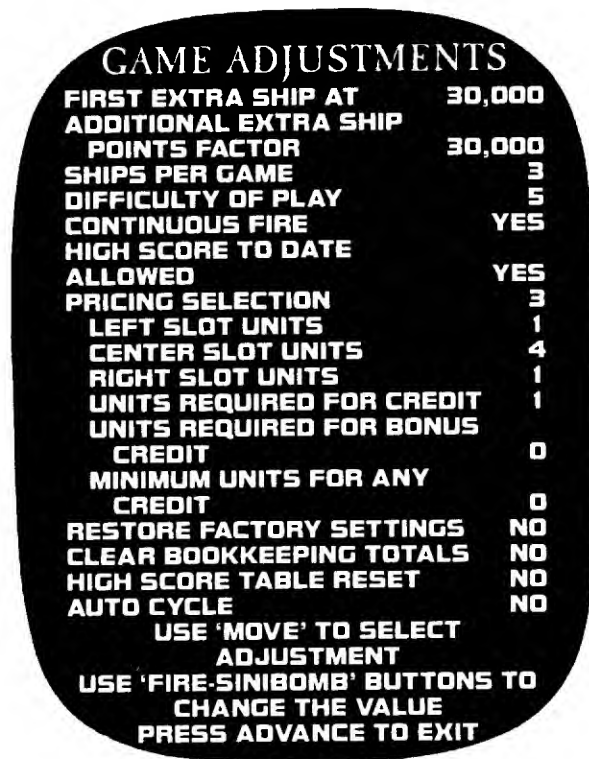
In the Game-Over Mode open the coin door. With the AUTO-UP/MANUAL-DOWN switch set to AUTO-UP, depress the coin door ADVANCE switch twice to cause a CRT display as shown in Figure 3.

SELECT THE FUNCTION YOU WISH to change by moving the joystick (push up to move arrow up, down to move arrow down). Then, making sure the coin door is open, push the FIRE button to increase or SINIBOMB button to reduce the value of the selected function.

- ☐ Select the appropriate difficulty level by using the SINIBOMB (easier) and FIRE (harder) buttons (0 = easiest or liberal, 5 = average, 9 = hardest or conservative). *NOTE: The next two adjustments affect play-time by making extra ships easier or harder to win. Details are on page 12.*
- ☐ For a shorter game, increase the bonus points figure (FIRST EXTRA SHIP AT). For a longer game, reduce it. (1,000 = long/99,000 = short).
- ☐ For a shorter game, increase ADDITIONAL POINTS PER EXTRA SHIP. For a longer game, decrease it. (1,000 = long/99,000 = short).
- ☐ For a shorter game, decrease the number of SHIPS PER GAME. For a longer game, increase the number. (1 = short/99 = long).

GAME PRICING is selected with standard settings or with custom settings as shown in Table 1. Note that free play can be elected by entering the code number 9 at the PRICING SELECTION function.

FOR STANDARD SETTINGS you need change only the PRICING SELECTION. For custom settings, first set PRICING SELECTION to zero and then set the remaining values according to Table 1.



**Figure 3. Game Adjustments
showing factory settings**

HIGHEST SCORE SIGNATURE

The number of letters allowed the highest-scoring player for entering his name can be varied from 3 to 20 and is recommended as 3. If objectionable words are entered as the signature name, you can change the lettered entry leaving the highest score the same. See **SETTING HIGHEST SCORE NAME**.

RESTORE FACTORY SETTINGS

1. Position the cursor on RESTORE FACTORY SETTINGS.
2. Push FIRE button.
3. Depress ADVANCE twice.

RESETTING HIGH SCORE TABLE

1. Position the cursor on RESET HIGH SCORE TABLE.
2. Push FIRE button.
3. Depress ADVANCE.

SETTING ATTRACT MODE MESSAGE

1. Position the cursor on SET ATTRACT MODE MESSAGE.
2. Push FIRE button.
3. Depress ADVANCE.
4. Enter up to two lines of your message following instructions on the screen.
5. Depress ADVANCE to terminate process.

To restore the Williams attract mode message, perform steps 1 through 3 and then turn the game OFF and back ON.

SETTING HIGHEST SCORE NAME

1. Position the cursor on SET HIGHEST SCORE NAME.
2. Push FIRE button.
3. Depress ADVANCE.
4. Enter new signature; depress ADVANCE to terminate process.

An alternate, simpler method enters the factory highest score signature. In the Game Over mode, hold HIGH SCORE RESET depressed. After a few seconds a sound is produced and the factory highest score signature has been activated.

Table 1. Game Pricing

Coin Door Mechanism	Credits/Money	Pricing Selection	Left Slot Units	Center Slot Units	Right Slot Units	Units Per Credit	Units Req'd For Bonus Credit	Min. Units For Any Credit
Twin Quarter Quarter, Dollar, Quarter	1/25¢, 5/\$1	0	1	4	1	1	4	0
	2/50¢, 5/\$1	0	1	4	1	1	4	2
	●1/25¢, 4/\$1	3	1	4	1	1	0	0
	2/50¢, 4/\$1	0	1	4	1	1	0	2
	1/50¢, 3/\$1, 4/\$1.25	0	3	12	3	4	15	0
	1/50¢, 3/\$1, 7/\$2	0	12	48	12	14	96	24
	●1/50¢, 3/\$1, 6/\$2	1	1	4	1	2	4	0
	●1/50¢	5	1	4	1	2	0	0
1DM, 5DM	●1/1DM, 6/5DM	2	6	0	1	1	0	0
20-Cent, 50-Cent	1/20¢, 3/50¢	0	6	0	15	5	0	0
1 Franc, 5 Franc	●1/2F, 3/5F only	4	1	16	6	2	0	0
25 Cent,	●1/25¢, 4/1G	6	1	0	4	1	0	0
1 Guilder	1/25¢, 5/1G	0	1	0	4	1	4	0
5 Franc	●1/5F, 2/10F	7	1	0	2	1	0	0
10 Franc	●1/10F	8	1	0	2	2	0	0
1 Franc, 2 Franc	●2/1F, 5/2F	2	6	0	1	1	0	0
100 Lire, 200 Lire	●1/200 Lire	8	1	0	2	2	0	0
Twin Coin	●1/1 Coin	3	1	4	1	1	0	0
	●1/2 Coins	5	1	4	1	2	0	0
	1/3 Coins, 2/5 Coins	0	2	0	2	5	0	0
1-Unit, 5-Unit	●1/2, 3/5	4	1	16	6	2	0	0
	1/1, 5/5	0	1	0	5	1	0	0
	1/3, 2/5	0	2	0	10	5	0	0
Any	●Free Play	9	1	4	1	1	0	0

Definitions of Pricing Terms

PRICING SELECTION allows a *shorthand* method of setting the pricing functions. If a number from one to nine is entered into the PRICING SELECTION function, a corresponding standard setting (shown in bold type above) will be entered into the game. *The rest of the pricing functions are automatically set for that standard.*

THE PRICE OF ONE GAME (number of coins per game) is equal to the number of SLOT UNITS for any one slot divided by the number of UNITS PER CREDIT. If the number of LEFT SLOT UNITS (or RIGHT SLOT UNITS) equals X and the number of UNITS PER CREDIT equals Y, then the *price of one game is X/Y*.

UNITS REQUIRED FOR BONUS CREDIT is the number of games that must be purchased before a free game is awarded.

MINIMUM UNITS FOR ANY CREDIT is the least number of coins allowed per game or games. Or put another way, the MINIMUM UNITS FOR ANY CREDIT determines the smallest number of whole games that may be paid for at one time.

For example if an operator wants to allow one play for a quarter but wishes to encourage multiple game-playing, he may enter:

- "0" in the PRICING SELECTION function

This zero value automatically sets all pricing functions. However minimum units for any credit must be raised to "2" or higher value to achieve the operator's goal. Here are the rest of the functions as they should appear.

- "1" in the LEFT SLOT UNITS function
- "4" in the CENTER SLOT UNITS function
- "1" in the RIGHT SLOT UNITS function
- "1" in the UNITS PER CREDIT Function
- "0" in the UNITS REQUIRED FOR BONUS CREDIT function
- "2" in the MINIMUM UNITS FOR ANY CREDIT function

These values allow one game to be played for a quarter, but **ONLY** when two or more games are paid for at a time. Incidentally, the "4" in CENTER SLOT UNITS allows four games per dollar coin (center slot only). See "2/50¢, 4/\$1" above.

SAMPLE SETTINGS

Before adjusting EXTRA SHIP settings, review the chart to see how they affect the extra ship score.

LET
 FIRST EXTRA SHIP AT = **F**
 ADDITIONAL EXTRA SHIP POINTS FACTOR = **A**

EXTRA SHIP	FORMULA ¹	F = 10,000 A = 0000	F = 10,000 A = 10,000	F = 30,000 A = 10,000	F = 10,000 A = 30,000
1st	F	10,000	10,000	30,000	10,000
2nd	2F + 1A	20,000	30,000	70,000	50,000
3rd	3F + 3A	30,000	10,000	120,000	120,000
4th	4F + 6A	40,000	100,000	180,000	220,000
5th	5F + 10A	50,000	150,000	250,000	350,000

¹This series is derived from:

$$nF + \frac{(n^2-n)A}{2}$$

where n is the extra ship no.

CHAPTER 3 Troubleshooting Procedures

Introduction

Power-Up Tests

+ 5VDC Power Supply Adjustments

Self-Diagnostics

Diagnostic Mode Tests

Sound Board Diagnostics

CMOS RAM Data Test Protocol

INTRODUCTION

Certain types of game malfunctions may inhibit the game's diagnostic or display faculties. Troubleshooting procedures for most of these types of malfunctions as well as malfunctions that permit self-diagnosis are covered below. Our trouble-

shooting algorithm begins with **Power-Up** and continues until **Game-Over Mode**. All procedures can be performed with minimal test equipment or merely by observing the game itself.

POWER-UP TESTS

NO GENERAL ILLUMINATION	NO INITIAL VIDEO (RUG PATTERN)	CHECKING POWER SUPPLY BOARD
<p>(1) Check fuse F2 on power supply board.</p> <p>(2) Check for proper installation of jumpers W1, W2, W3 and/or resistor R27. (Some machines MAY NOT have an R27. Refer to your drawing set.)</p> <p>(3) Check 4P1/J1, 4P3/J3, 6P2/J2 and 6P3/J3.</p> <p>(4) If all the above don't turn up the problem, check power supply board.</p>	<p>(1) Press reset button on CPU Board.</p> <p>(2) Try RAM and ROM tests (see below).</p> <p>(3) If all the above don't turn up the problem, check power supply board.</p>	<p>(1) Swap power supply board with one from known-good game.</p> <p>(2) If game plays, problem is on power supply board.</p> <p>(3) If game doesn't play, check power transformer with voltmeter.</p> <p>(4) If known-good power supply is unavailable for tests above, check +5V, -5V and +12V outputs on power supply in game. Each MUST BE within 2% of rated output with less than 0.1% AC hum.</p>

MORE POWER-UP TESTS

TEST	ROM BOARD LEDS RECOGNIZE CONDITION	ROM BOARD LEDS IDENTIFY BAD CHIPS	VIDEO	REMEDY
GENERAL	"0" means all power-up tests passed	—	<p>(1) scanning rug pattern</p> <p>(2) stationary rug pattern</p> <p>(3) "INITIAL TESTS INDICATE ALL SYSTEMS GO"</p> <p>(4) Game-Over Mode</p>	If any video (see left) is missing or error message is displayed, proceed to Diagnostic Mode tests.
CMOS (See Appendix A)	"0" means tests passed	—	<p>"HIGH SCORE TABLE RESET"</p> <p>"BOOKKEEPING TOTALS CLEARED"</p> <p>"ADJUSTMENT FAILURE"</p> <p>"RESTORE FACTORY SETTINGS BY OPENING FRONT DOOR OR TABLETOP AND TURNING GAME ON AND OFF"</p>	(1) Open coin door or hood and turn power off and on.
	"0" means tests passed	—	"FACTORY SETTINGS RESTORED"	(2) Press ADVANCE. Game should return to Game-Over Mode.
BATTERY (See Appendix A)	"0" means tests passed	—	<p>"HIGH SCORE TABLE RESET"</p> <p>"BOOKKEEPING TOTALS CLEARED"</p> <p>"ADJUSTMENT FAILURE"</p> <p>"RESTORE FACTORY SETTINGS BY OPENING FRONT DOOR OR TABLETOP AND TURNING GAME ON AND OFF"</p>	<p>(1) Open coin door or hood and turn power off and on. Or: press ADVANCE. In either case, game should return to Game-Over Mode.</p> <p>(2) Check AA alkaline cells on CPU Board.</p> <p>(3) If problem persists, proceed with CMOS RAM test by putting the game into its Diagnostic Mode (see SELF-DIAGNOSTICS).</p>
MEMORY PROTECT INTERLOCK (See Appendix A)	"0" means tests passed	—	<p>"HIGH SCORE TABLE RESET"</p> <p>"BOOKKEEPING TOTALS CLEARED"</p> <p>"ADJUSTMENT FAILURE"</p> <p>"RESTORE FACTORY SETTINGS BY OPENING FRONT DOOR OR TABLETOP AND TURNING GAME ON AND OFF"</p>	<p>(1) Making and breaking memory protect interlock switch, check with VOM and replace if faulty.</p> <p>(2) Replace if faulty: Memory protect gates 6E, IC1, Q1, or CMOS RAM 1C.</p>
SPECIAL CHIP	"0" means tests passed	—	<p>(1) scanning rug pattern</p> <p>(2) blank screen instead of "INITIAL TESTS INDICATE ALL SYSTEMS GO"</p> <p>(3) high score table with no scores</p> <p>(4) intro blank or program crash</p>	<p>(1) Turn power off.</p> <p>(2) To find bad chip, replace 2 special chips one at a time with known good chips.</p> <p>(3) Turn machine on after each replacement and run through Power-Up Tests.</p>

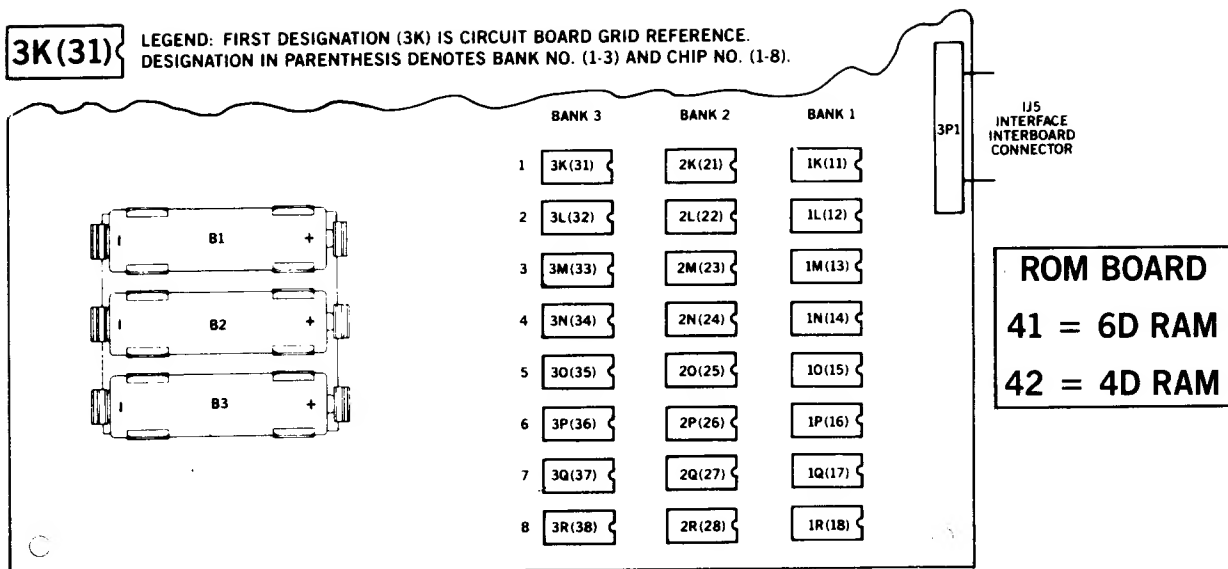


Figure 4. RAM Location and Numbering on CPU Board & ROM Board RAMS

+5VDC Power Supply Adjustments

BEFORE ADJUSTING THE VOLTAGE OUTPUT, always check at the output of the supply for AC hum. This hum should never rise above .005V on the +5VDC supply. If it does, consult your schematic drawing set for proper DC voltages throughout the circuit.

Test for these with the DC setting of your multimeter. Make a second check using the AC setting. Pay particular attention to readings at TP5 (top of capacitor C10). If the voltage here is low (less than +11VDC) or if you find excessive ripple (more than 700mVrms), replace the capacitor.

If TP1 is less than +4.95VDC remove R10. If TP1 is still less than +4.95VDC, then check precision resistors R25 and R26. If they are within the 1% tolerance, then check IC2.

Self-Diagnostics

If RAM or ROM failure messages are displayed on the CRT after the "rug pattern," proceed with self-diagnostics. Self-diagnostic procedures are controlled by the AUTO-UP/MANUAL-DOWN and ADVANCE switches on the coin door. (See Figure 1.)

Set the AUTO-UP/MANUAL-DOWN switch to the MANUAL-DOWN position and depress the ADVANCE

pushbutton. The game is now in its **Diagnostic Mode** and a ROM test is performed. With ROM test results present on the CRT display, set the AUTO-UP/MANUAL-DOWN switch to the AUTO-UP position. Depressing the ADVANCE pushbutton initiates the RAM test.

Further tests (CMOS, sound, switch, color RAM and monitor test patterns) are initiated as the ADVANCE pushbutton is depressed (once more for each subsequent test).

MONITOR TEST PATTERNS (19" Monitor Upright Games only). For ease in adjustments, the monitor may be slid back and the screen viewed in the CRT mirror on the inside-top of the cabinet.

Remove the two bolts and carefully slide the monitor back in its shelf. Secure the monitor in the extended position by inserting the two bolts through holes provided at the left side of the monitor.

AUTO-CYCLE MODE. From the color bar pattern (or Game-Over with the switch set to AUTO-UP) depress ADVANCE two times to display GAME ADJUSTMENTS.

1. Position the cursor on AUTO CYCLE with the PLAYER 1 joystick and push the PLAYER 2 joystick right.
2. Depress ADVANCE.
3. The system will now sequence through ROM, RAM, and CMOS RAM tests repeatedly. The coin door or hood must be open during the Auto-Cycle test. If an error is detected, the test is terminated and the failure indication is displayed on the CRT.
4. To terminate the Auto-Cycle test, turn the game OFF and ON.

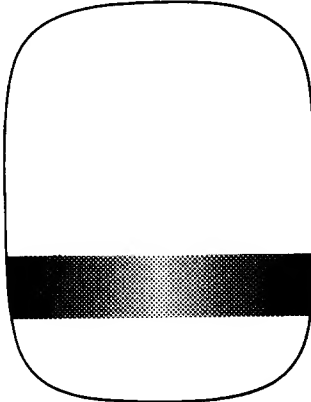
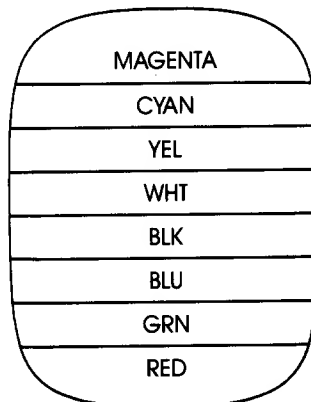
TROUBLESHOOTING PROCEDURES: DIAGNOSTIC MODE TESTS				
TEST	ROM BOARD LEDS RECOGNIZE CONDITION	ROM BOARD LEDS IDENTIFY BAD CHIPS	VIDEO	REMEDY
ROM	"2" means ROM error	2-digit ROM chip no.	"ROM ERROR" and ROM chip no.	(1) Turn power off. (2) Replace suspected chip.
RAM	"1" means RAM error	Bank no. first... then chip no. in bank (see figure 4) *(For RAM Error 41 or 42 See Note)	"RAM ERROR" followed by RAM bank no. and chip no. (Note: with multiple RAM failures this display may not appear)	*(1) Check for these normal voltages on indicated RAM chip: -5/pin 1, +12/pin 8, +5/pin 9. (2) Turn power off. (3) Replace suspected chip. (4) With multiple RAM failures always check power supply. See POWER-UP TESTS.
CMOS (see appendix A)	"3" means CMOS RAM error	—	"CMOS RAM ERROR OR WRITE PROTECT FAILURE"	(1) With power off, check pin 18 of CMOS RAM for 3.2VDC minimum. If present, replace CMOS chip 1C. If absent, replace AA alkaline cells. (2) With new alkaline cells and power off, check for 3.2V minimum at pin 18. If still absent, replace diodes D9 and D10. (3) Upon power-up and reentry into diagnostics if CMOS error message persists, check CMOS RAM memory protect and address decoding circuits with a logic probe.

Tests 4 and 7 provide sequential subtests. To stop automatic cycling set switch to MANUAL-DOWN. Depress ADVANCE in MANUAL-DOWN to step through subtests. LED indications are not made for these tests.

TEST & PROCEDURES	VIDEO		REMEDY OR ADJUSTMENT
SOUND (Test 4)	"SOUND LINE 1" "SOUND LINE 2" "SOUND LINE 3" "SOUND LINE 4" "SOUND LINE 5" "SOUND LINE 6" (These appear one at a time.)		MISSING CHECK 1 2P4/10P3 pin 3 2 2P4/10P3 pin 2 3 2P4/10P3 pin 5 4 2P4/10P3 pin 4 5 2P4/10P3 pin 7 6 2P4/10P3 pin 6 all perform Sound Board Diagnostics (see below) NOTE: If any two sounds are the same, check for a short between the select lines with the same sound.
SWITCH (Test 5) (1) Set switch to MANUAL-DOWN and clear any stuck switches. (2) CRT should indicate no switches closed. (3) Operate switches and check for display of switch name.	CRT indicates AUTO-UP closed and any stuck switches. CRT Display for each Switch...		(Refer to CABINET WIRING Diagram) (1) ROM BOARD SWITCH STUCK: Disconnect 2P3. (2) INTERFACE BOARD SWITCH STUCK: Disconnect 3P2 or 3P3. (3) ROM BOARD SWITCH DOES NOT OPERATE: Ground corresponding pin of 2P3. (4) INTERFACE BOARD SWITCH DOES NOT OPERATE: Ground corresponding pin of 3P2 or 3P3. <input type="checkbox"/> SYMPTOM REMAINS SAME ... ROM Board or Interface Board Faulty. <input type="checkbox"/> SYMPTOM CLEARS UP ... Problem is in switches or wiring. ADDITIONAL TESTS FOR OPTOSWITCHES: (5) Check that +5VDC is at pin 1 or 12P1. (6) With joystick in center position, check for 0.7V at base of ON transistor(s) (Q1 thru Q6) and 0.1V at pin(s) 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of 12P1. (7) With joystick moved from center position, check for 0.1V at base of OFF transistor(s), and +5V at corresponding pins 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of 12P1. (8) With joystick in center position, check for +5V at pins 5 and 9 of 12P1. With joystick in Down (Left) position, check for +5V at pin 5 (9) of 12P1. With joystick in Up (Right) position, check for 0V at pin 5 (9) of 12P1.
	ROM BOARD ADVANCE AUTO-UP HIGH SCORE RESET LEFT COIN (next to hinge) CENTER COIN RIGHT COIN SLAM SWITCH	INTERFACE BOARD 1-PLAYER START 2-PLAYER START UP-DOWN A1 UP-DOWN B1 UP-DOWN C1 UP-DOWN DIRECTION 1 RIGHT-LEFT A1 RIGHT-LEFT B1 RIGHT-LEFT C1 RIGHT-LEFT DIRECTION 1 THROW LEFT 1 FIRE 1 SINIBOMB 1	

***NOTE: Two static RAMs located on the ROM Board are indicated as RAM 41 in chip location 6D and RAM 42 in chip location 4D.**

MORE DIAGNOSTIC MODE TESTS

TEST & PROCEDURES	VIDEO SEQUENCES	REMEDY OR ADJUSTMENT	
<p>COLOR RAM (Test 6)</p> <p>Note that a blank sequence or two sequences with the same shade indicate a faulty 1A flip-flop, 1B RAM or 2B RAM or a failure in the color analog circuit. Check voltages on Q1 (green transistor), Q2 (red transistor) and Q3 (blue transistor). During the eight full-screen color tests, the base voltage (center pin) on each transistor should vary between 3.8V (brightest color) and 4.4V (no color).</p> <p>Color RAM Check</p> <p>(1) CRT sequences through 8 colors, 2 seconds each.</p> <p>(2) Thick horizontal band indicates color RAM fault.</p> 	1) light red screen 2) red screen 3) dark red screen	REPLACE RAM 1B too-light or too-dark red or gray band	REPLACE RAM 2B magenta band
	4) light green screen 5) green screen 6) dark green screen	yellow band	cyan band
	7) light blue screen 8) blue screen	magenta band	too-light or too-dark blue or gray band
	4) light green screen	green band	dark green band or gray band
	5) green screen	light green band	dark green band or gray band
	6) dark green screen	—	gray band
<p>MONITOR & COLOR RAM (Test 7)</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Color Bar Pattern</p>	cross hatch pattern	Aids you in setting up vertical and horizontal linearity, convergence, and focus.	
	red screen green screen blue screen color pattern	Aids you in optimizing color purity.	
	color bars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • double-width • half-width • transposed • missing 	If color RAM test 6 indicates no faults, symptoms at left suggest a fault in 1A, 1B, 2B or 2C chips.	

SOUND BOARD DIAGNOSTICS			
SYMPTOM	TEST & PROCEDURES		
MISSING SOUNDS; NO SOUND—STEP 1 <i>(ASSUMPTION: INPUT SECTION FAILURE)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK SOUND-SELECT INPUTS		
	TEST	TOOL	CONDITION & REMEDY
	Sound Board connector 10P3/J3-2 to 7	logic probe (game on and in Test 4)	.PULSING—proceed •LOW—check jacks, foils •STILL LOW—perform ROM BOARD checkbox.
	SR1 DIP resistors R3-R9	VOM-reading ohms (game off)	.ALL 4.7K—proceed •ANY OPEN—replace SR1
	C3-C9	VOM-reading ohms (game off)	.ALL OKAY—proceed •ANY SHORTED—replace bad
	IC5-1, IC7-14 (power pins)	logic probe (game on and in Test 4)	.HIGH—proceed •LOW—replace C19 (IC5) or C21 (IC7) •STILL LOW—replace bad IC
	IC5-2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 15; IC7-4, 6	logic probe (game on and in Test 4)	.PULSING—proceed •LOW—replace chip
	IC10-18 and 19 (PIA)	logic probe (game on and in Test 4)	.PULSING—proceed •LOW—lift C20, retest •PULSING NOW—replace C20 •STILL LOW—replace IC6, retest
	IC10-10 to 17 (PIA)	logic probe (game on and in Test 4)	.PULSING—proceed •SOME LOW—replace IC •ALL LOW—lift C31, retest •PULSING NOW—replace C31 •STILL LOW—replace IC

NOTE: In cockpit model games where no sounds are produced from either sound board, disconnect both 9-pin connectors from one board and then the other. This isolates certain faults to a single Sound Board. If sounds are still not produced from either board, check ROM Board outputs on page 19 first.

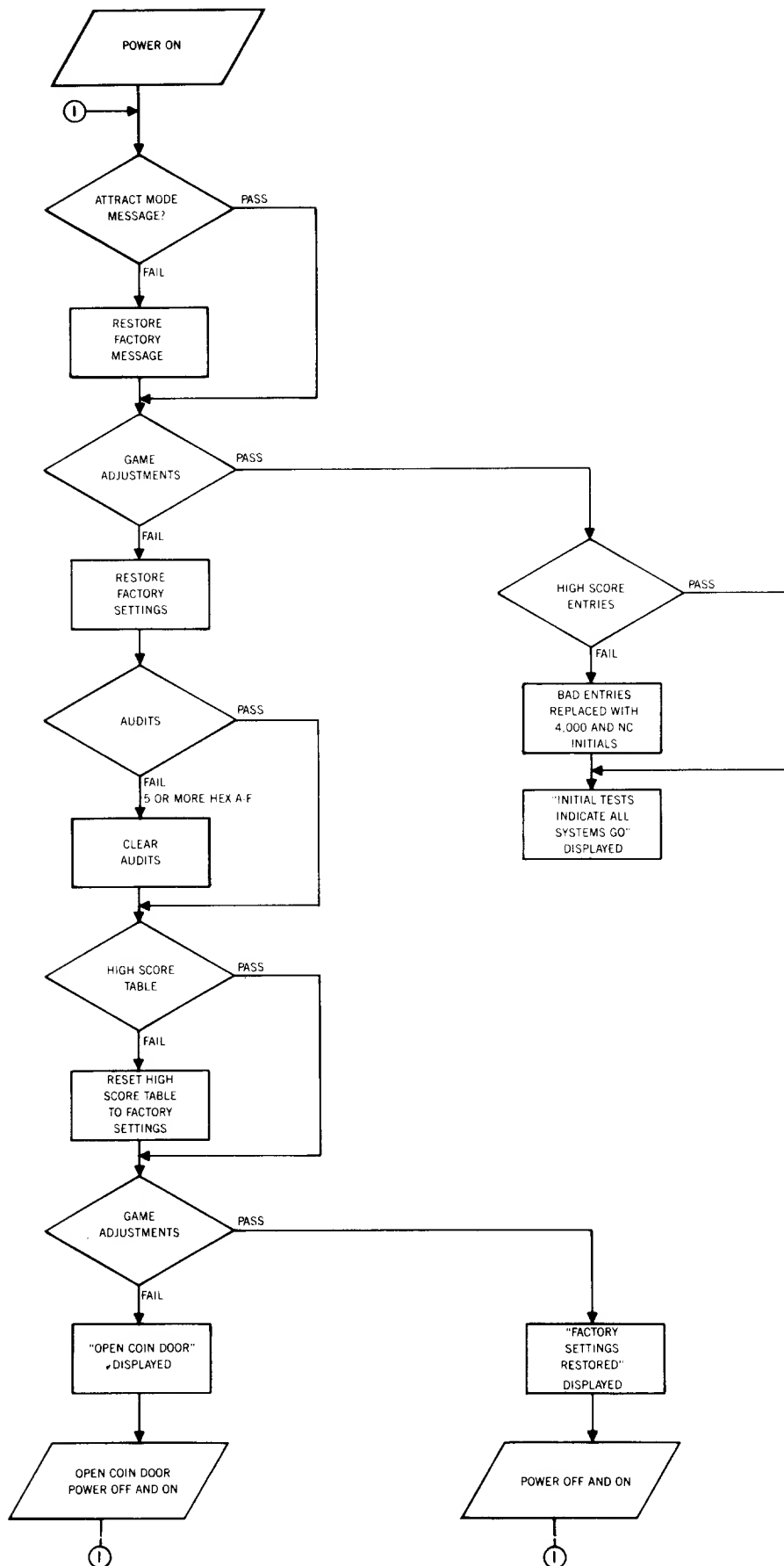
- STILL LOW—perform ROM BOARD checkbox.

MORE SOUND BOARD DIAGNOSTICS			
SYMPTOM	TEST & PROCEDURES		
MISSING SOUNDS; NO SOUND—STEP 2 <i>(ASSUMPTION: OFF-BOARD FAILURE)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK ROM BOARD OUTPUTS (1) If you hear game sounds, disconnect and then reconnect Sound Board connector 10P3/J3. (2) You should hear one or more game sounds. If so, put game in Diagnostic Mode Test 4 and proceed with this checkbox. If not, go ahead to POWER SUPPLY checkbox below.		
	TEST	TOOL	CONDITION & REMEDY
	ROM Board connector 2P4/J4-2 to 7	logic probe (game on and in Test 4)	•PULSING—repair cable to Sound Board •ANY LOW—repair jack or foil, proceed
	9C DIP resistors 2 to 8	VOM-reading ohms (game off)	•ALL 4.7K—proceed •ANY OPEN—replace 9C
	C40-53	VOM-reading ohms (game off)	•ALL OKAY—proceed •ANY SHORTED—replace bad
	8C-10 to 15 (PIA)	logic probe (game on and in Test 4)	•PULSING—proceed •SOME LOW—replace 8C
NO SOUND <i>(ASSUMPTION: POWER SECTION FAILURE)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK ON-BOARD POWER SUPPLY (1) With power off, test for fuse continuity at F1 and F2. (2) With power on, check for +12V unregulated DC at TP1 and at pin 5 of IC1. (3) Now check for +5V regulated DC between TP4 and TP3. If voltages are absent or low, turn off game and lift one pin of filter capacitors C25, C26 and C27. (4) Check each with ohmmeter for possible shorts. (5) If capacitors are good and unregulated voltages test okay but you're missing +5V, replace regulator chip (IC8).		
STILL NO SOUND <i>(ASSUMPTION: AUDIO SECTION FAILURE)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK AUDIO (ANALOG) SECTION (1) Turn power on; turn up volume control. Momentarily place powered-up AC soldering pencil on final amplifier's input pin (IC1, pin 1 or 10P4, pin 2). If you hear low hum, audio IC, volume pot and speaker are okay. (2) Repeat test at Q2 emitter. If you hear hum, analog section is okay. Step (1) will also work if you simply touch amplifier's input pin. <i>However output level of hum will be much lower than with soldering iron.</i> DO NOT use a soldering pencil of over 40 watts. Cordless models will NOT work here.		
MISSING SOUNDS; NO SOUND <i>(ASSUMPTION: DIGITAL FAILURE)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK SOUND ROM (IC12) AND RELATED CIRCUITRY (1) Turn power on. (2) If you have no game sounds but power supply tests show normal voltages and no ripple on +5V, check crystal clock circuit. Using DVM or logic probe, test for pulsing AC across crystal. If clock signal's absent, replace crystal and associated capacitors. (3) Turn power off. (4) Swap sound ROM (IC12) and then microprocessor chip (IC9) with known-good chips. (5) Power-up and test Sound Board after each swap by pushing DIAGNOSTIC button.		

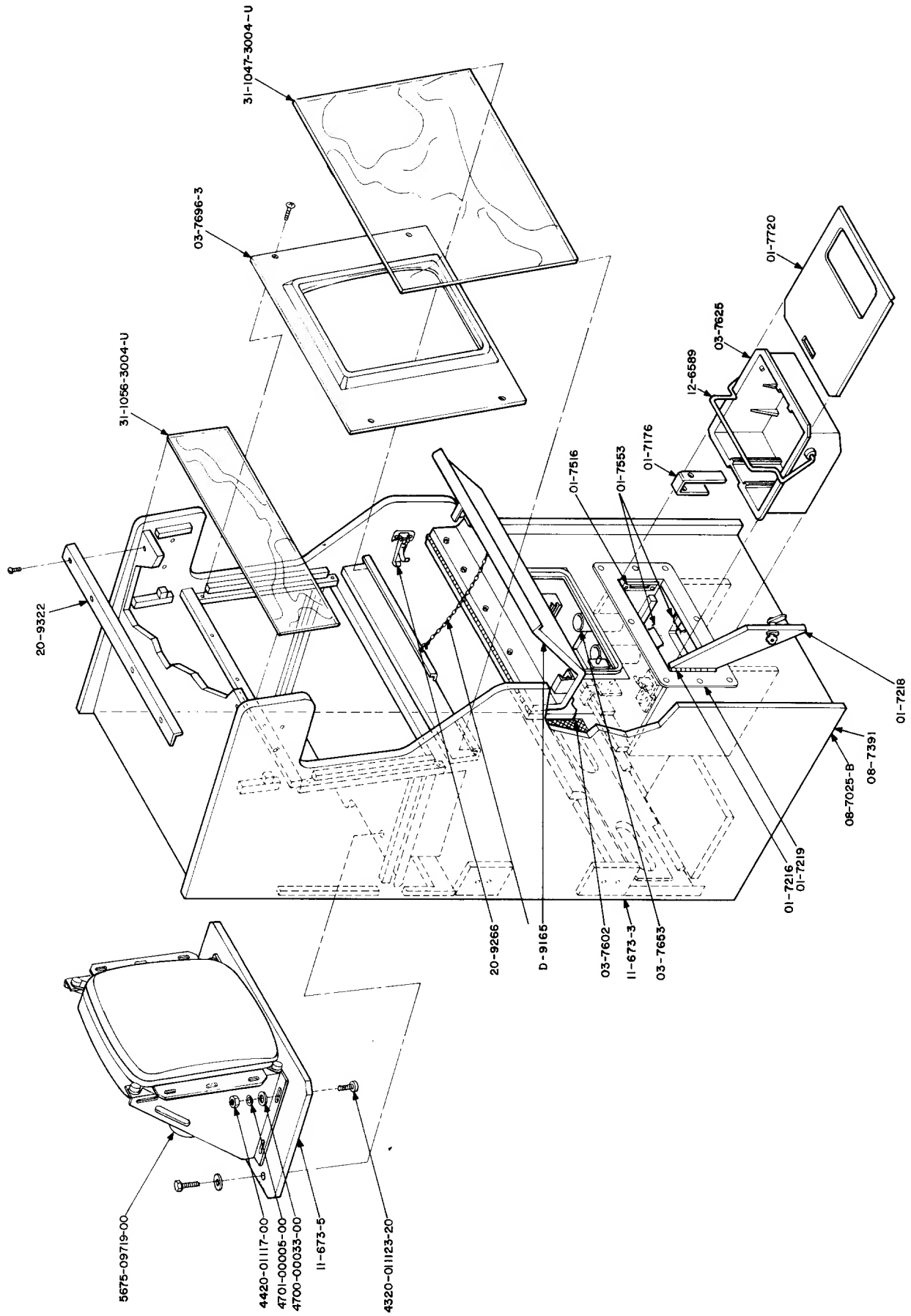
CMOS RAM Data Test Protocol

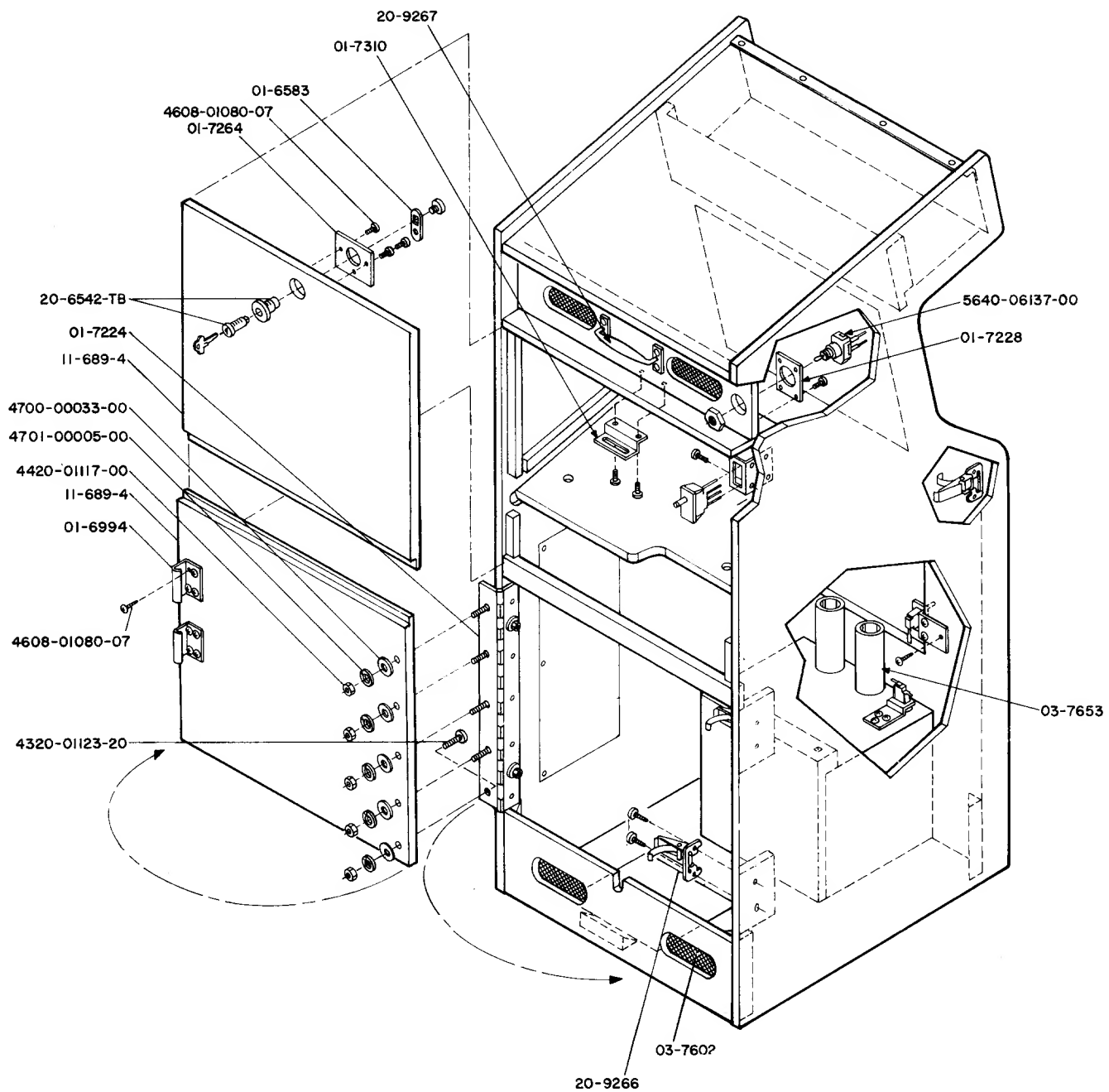
The first sub-test of the CMOS RAM data is that of the ATTRACT MODE MESSAGE checksum. If the test does not pass, the factory ATTRACT MODE MESSAGE is restored. Next, the game adjustments are checked and restored to factory settings if an error is found. If game adjustments are found intact, the high score table is checked for any bad entries. Bad entries are replaced with a score of 4,000 points and no initials. If all entries check, the game returns to the Game Over Mode.

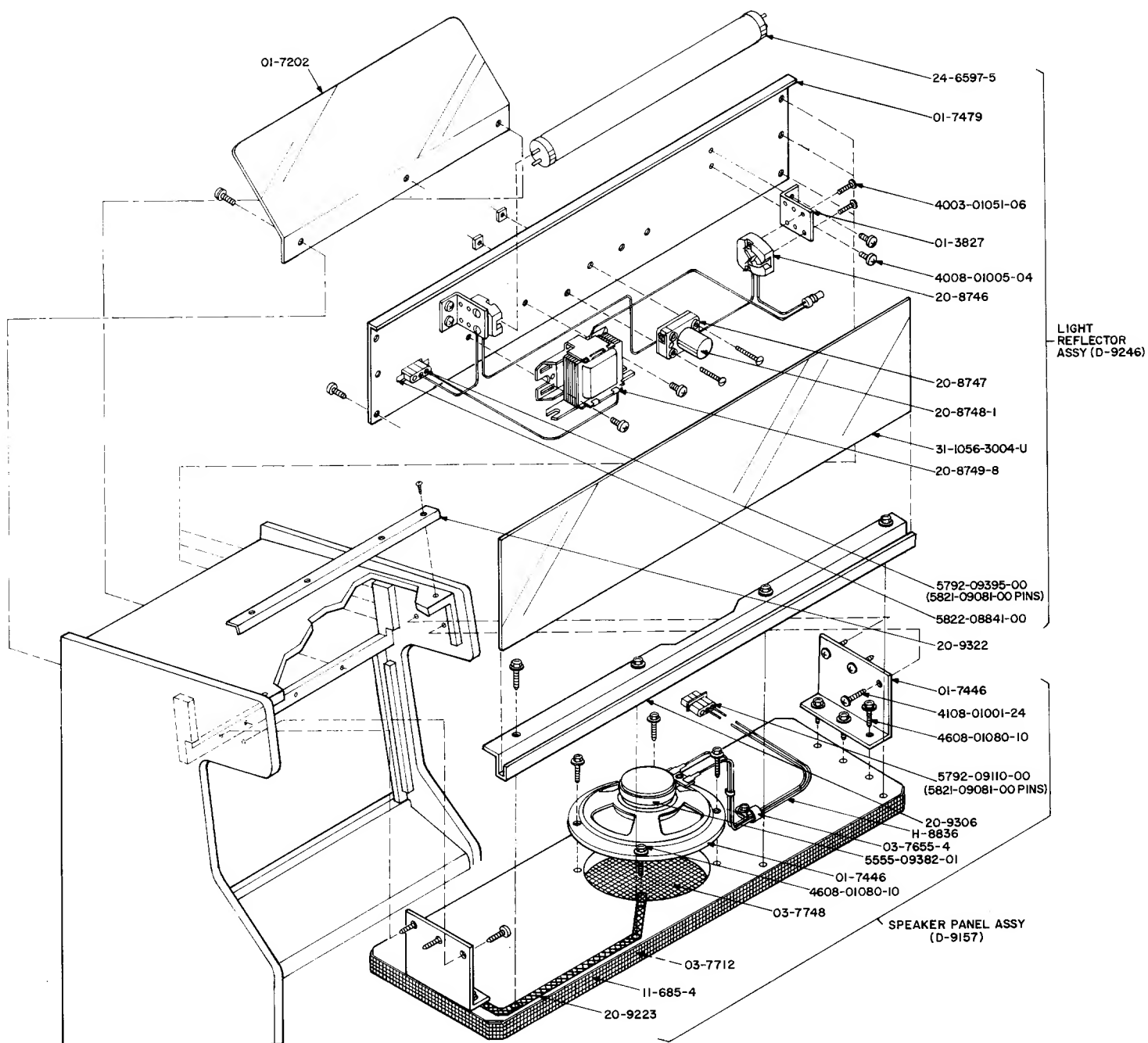
If game adjustments are restored to factory settings, the AUDIT TOTALS are checked. If 5 or more audit digits are other than 0-9 (that is hexadecimal A through F) all audit totals are cleared. This is followed by a check of the high score table and the table is reset to factory settings if errors are found. Finally, game adjustments are rechecked and either OPEN COIN DOOR or FACTORY SETTINGS RESTORED is displayed. With the former, open the coin door and turn the game OFF and ON and then FACTORY SETTINGS RESTORED will be displayed. Return to game over by depressing the ADVANCE pushbutton or by turning the game OFF and ON a second time.

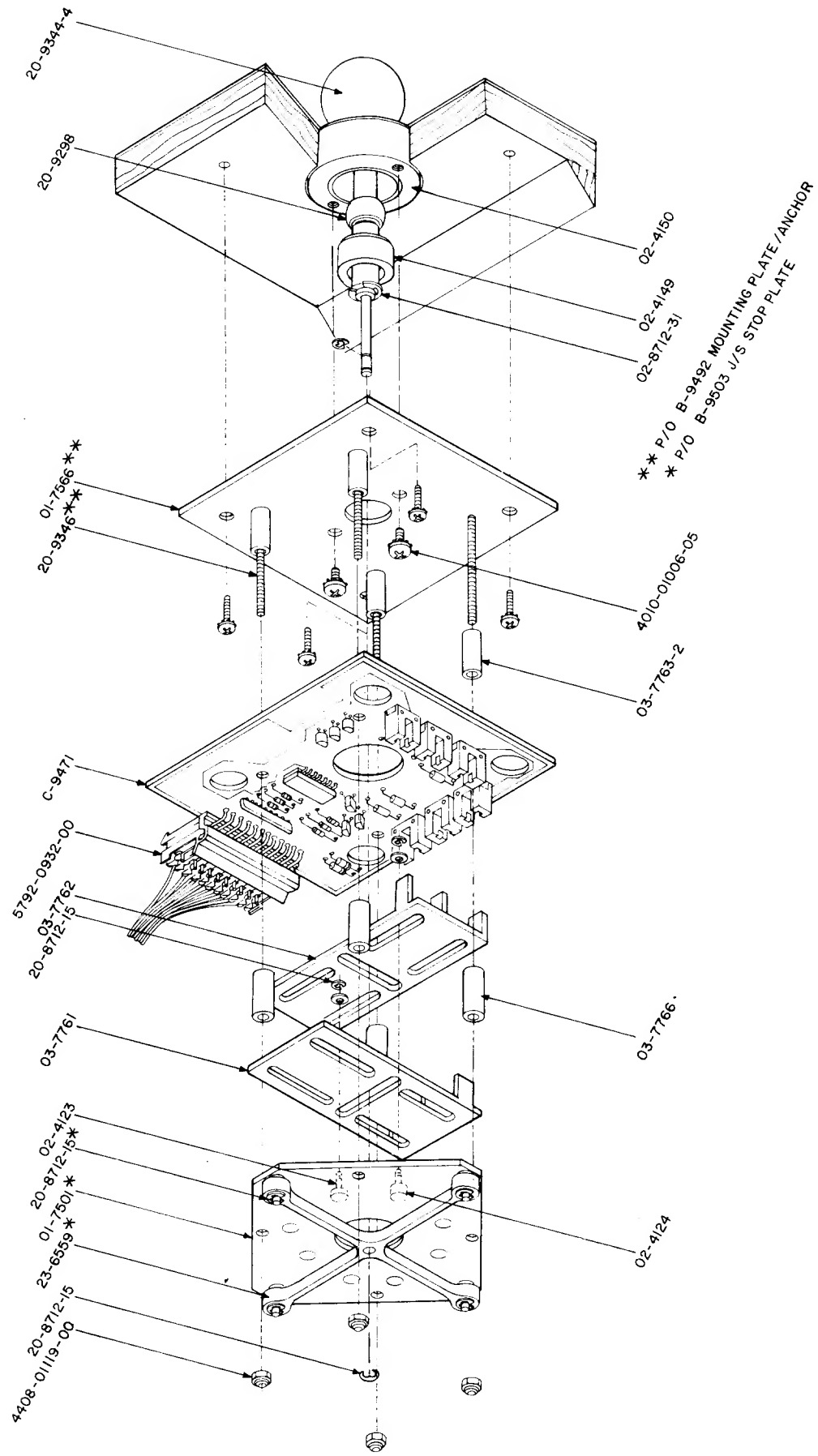


CHAPTER 4 Parts Location





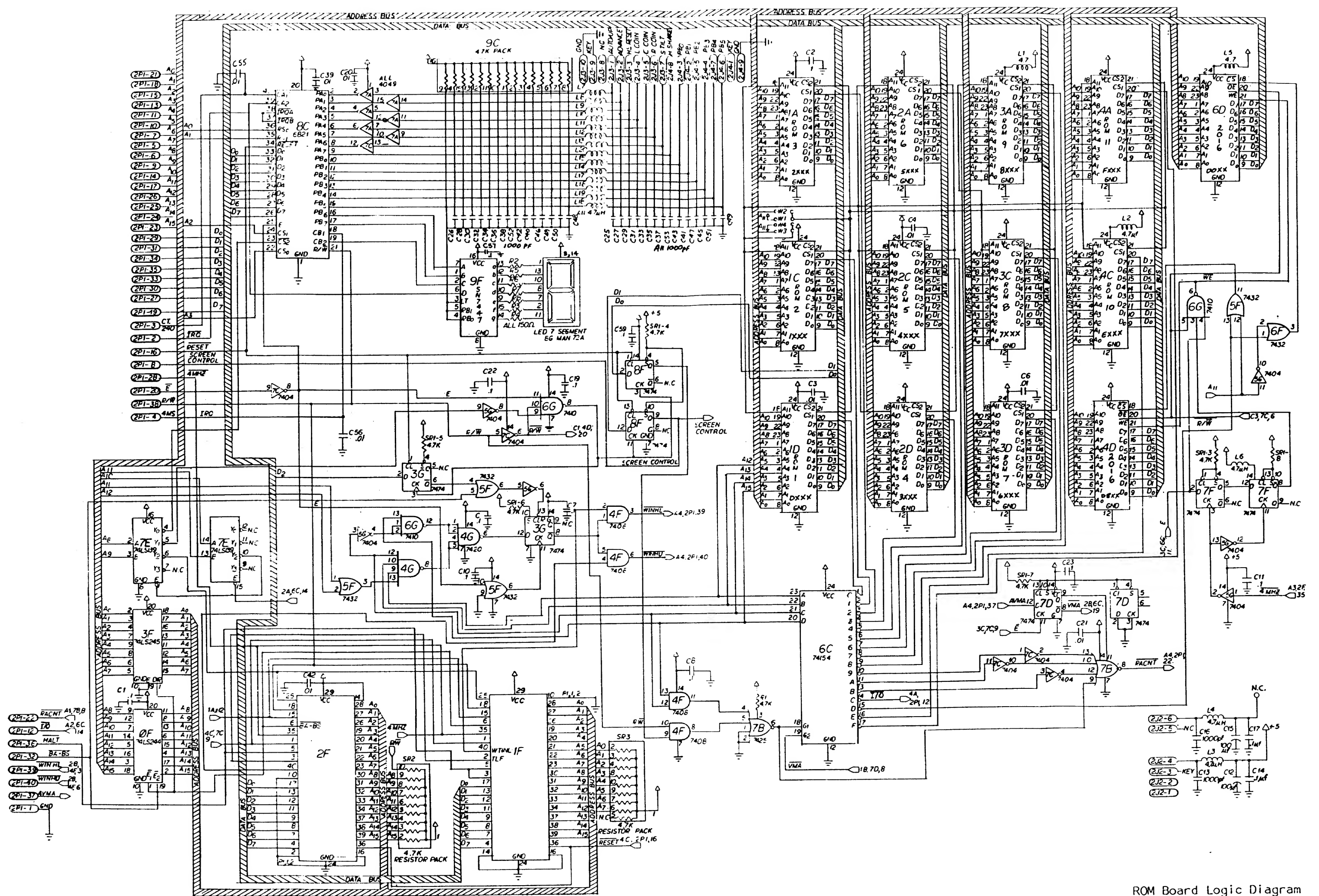




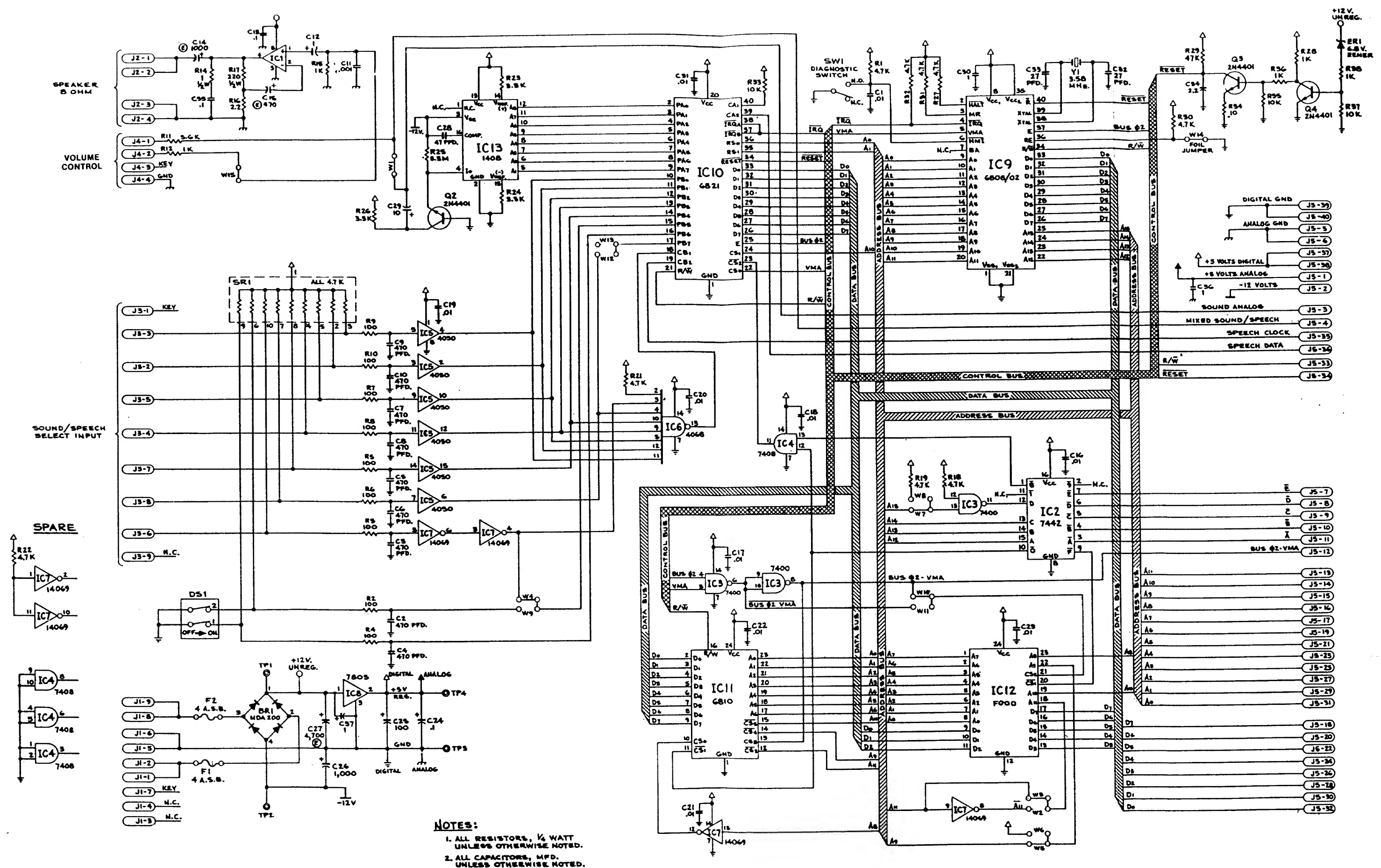
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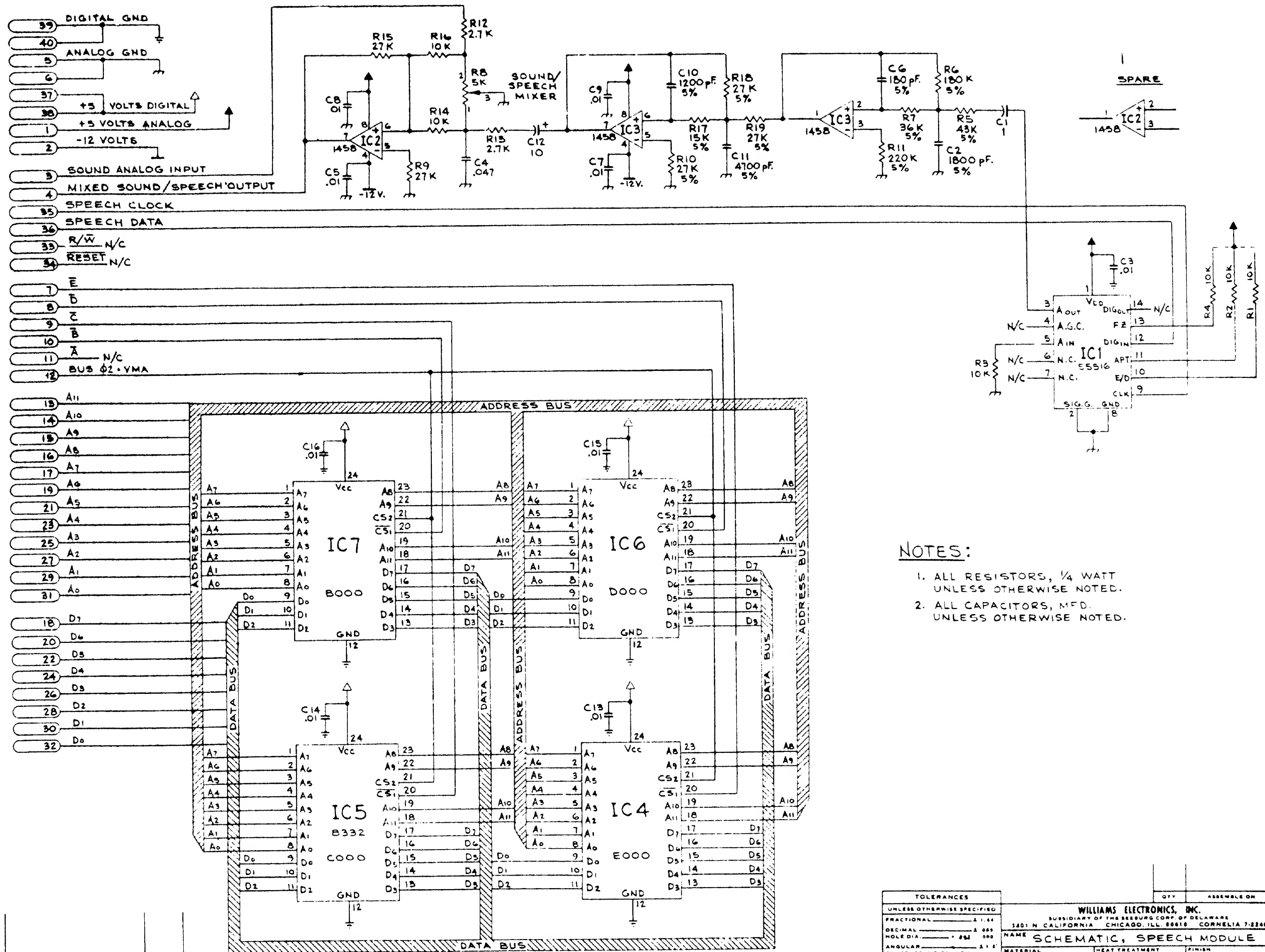
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SINISTAR 1B	A-5343-10128-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	1D	ROM
SINISTAR 2B	A-5343-10129-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	1C	ROM
SINISTAR 3B	A-5343-10130-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	1A	ROM
SINISTAR 4B	A-5343-10131-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	2D	ROM
SINISTAR 5B	A-5343-10132-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	2C	ROM
SINISTAR 6B	A-5343-10133-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	2A	ROM
SINISTAR 7B	A-5343-10134-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	3D	ROM
SINISTAR 8B	A-5343-10135-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	3C	ROM
SINISTAR 9B	A-5343-10136-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	3A	ROM
SINISTAR 10B	A-5343-10137-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	4C	ROM
SINISTAR 11B	A-5343-10138-B	PROM, 4Kx8, REV 1 (Brown)	4A	ROM
Special Chip 1	A-5410-09911	Special Chip	1F & 2F	ROM
Decoder ROM 4 (Horizontal)	A-5342-09694	PROM, 512x8	3C	CPU
Decoder ROM 6 (Vertical)	A-5342-09821	PROM, 512x8	3G	CPU
ROM 13A (Sound)	A-5343-10209	PROM, 4Kx8	IC12	SOUND
ROM 14A (Speech)	A-5343-10199	PROM, 4Kx8	IC4	SPEECH
ROM 15A (Speech)	A-5343-10200	PROM, 4Kx8	IC5	SPEECH
ROM 16A (Speech)	A-5343-10201	PROM, 4Kx8	IC6	SpEECH
ROM 17A (Speech)	A-5343-10202	PROM, 4Kx8	IC7	SPEECH
*ROM 18A (Sound)	A-5343-10140	PROM, 4Kx8	IC12	SOUND

*Used on rear sound board in Cockpit Games only.



ROM Board Logic Diagram

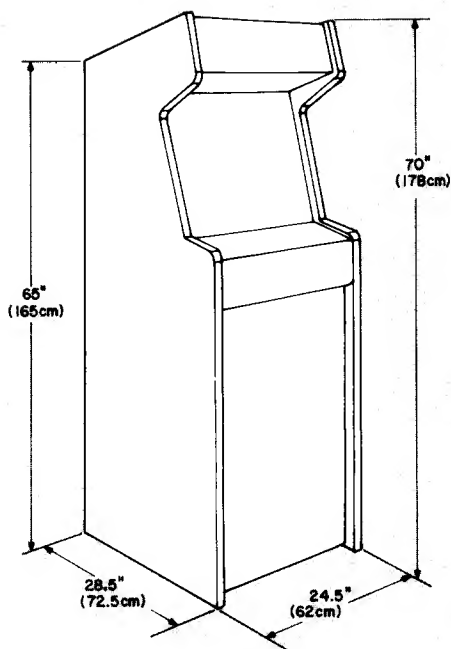




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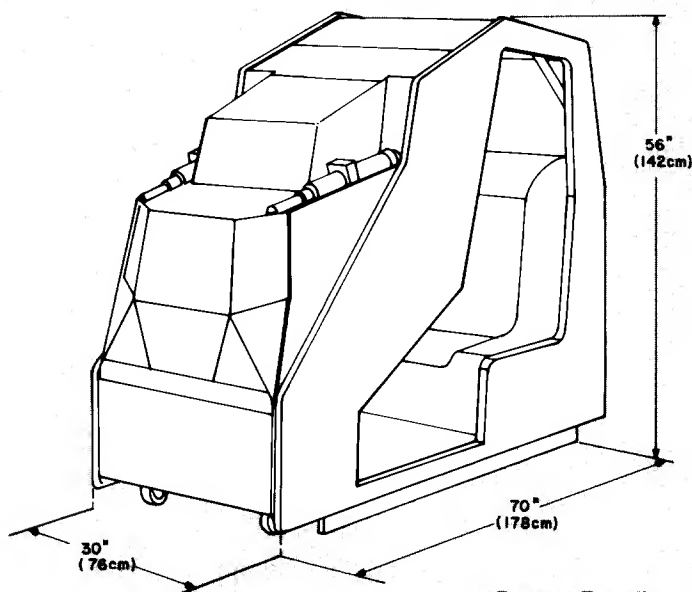
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2. ALL CAPACITORS, MFD. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED			
FRACTIONAL	± 1.54		
DECIMAL	± .005		
HOLE DIA.	± .002		
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CONCENTRICITIES	± 1.0°		
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UPRIGHT:
Weight
270 lbs. (122.5 kg.) uncrated
290 lbs. (131.5 kg.) crated

COCKPIT:
Weight
342 lbs. (155 kg.) uncrated
402 lbs. (182.5 kg.) crated



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POWER REQUIREMENTS

115/230VAC Nominal, 50/60Hz
@1.7/0.85A 192W
(20A surge for one cycle at power turn on)

Normal Line = 98-126VAC
196-252VAC

High Line* = 113-145VAC
226-290VAC

Low Line* = 88-113VAC
176-226VAC

*Transformer jumpers required.
See service manual.

ENVIRONMENT

Operating Temperature
0° to +45°C ambient
(+32° to +113°F)

Storage Temperature
-40° to +65° C ambient
(-40° to +149°F)
90% RH at 40°C (104°F), non-condensing

MONITOR

19" Color Raster
non-interlaced
UL, CSA & DHHS Approved

VIDEO SYSTEM**

256 Colors, 340 x 240 PIXEL Resolution
6809E Microprocessor
ROM: 44K BYTES
Video and Scratch RAM: 50K BYTES
CMOS RAM: 1Kx4
Special RAM: 2K BYTES

SOUND SYSTEM

6808 Microprocessor
ROM: 24K BYTES (cockpit)
U.S. Patent No. 4272649

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